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COUP D'ETAT IN BANGKOK Government Overthrown By Force Military Group In Complete Control

SIGNALS TO THE MOON

Sydney, Nov. 9. Scientists attached to the Australian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research today continued their radar "moon echo" tests, using a higher frequency of 21.6 megacycles. A spokesman said that the principal object of the experiments was to study radio conditions in outer regions of the earth's atmosphere and beyond. It is believed that this is the first occasion that signals from a standard radio broadcasting station have been received from the earth after travelling from the earth to the moon and back to the earth.—Reuter.

Pravda's Anniversary Boasts

Moscow, Nov. 9. Snow fell steadily as the second day of the Soviet 30th anniversary celebrations began, forcing millions of Muscovites to stay indoors.

"Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, celebrated its anniversary editorial that the U.S.S.R. was preparing new five-year plans which would "make our country the richest in the world."

American "imperialists" had no confidence in their international strength, they pin their hopes on the atom bomb secret which, as Molotov stated in his report, has long ceased to exist.

The snowfall began last night, but thousands braved the weather to watch brilliantly lit performances given by specially erected uncovered stages by dancers, actors and musicians in the city's main squares.

Many merry-makers danced through the wet streets, while in the luxurious Sverdlovsk Palace, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, gave a reception to 800 guests, including Soviet scientists, writers, film stars, musicians and army officers were present.

Generalissimo Stalin today received more greetings from abroad, including messages from the King of Egypt, the King of Afghanistan, and the Prime Ministers of Norway, Albania, Spain and Italy.

Celebrations outside Russia included a meeting in Bucharest attended by more than 100,000 people, a reception for 1,000 guests at the Soviet Embassy in Nanking, and a similar one in Washington which the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, declined to attend although minor officials of his Department were present.—Reuter.

Hungarian Troop Desertions

Vienna, Nov. 10. Latest reports reaching Vienna concerning 83 Hungarian soldiers and at least one officer who crossed over into Austrian territory late last night indicated that all but one were now in Russian custody.

High Austrian Government sources said that as far as could be determined from a series of confused reports, one Hungarian soldier managed to evade capture until he reached the British occupation zone, which apparently was the goal of the rest of the group. British officials in Vienna, however, said none had been reported in their zone yet.

One report said the Hungarian soldiers, consisting of an entire company of infantry, were allowed across the border fully armed, later telling Austrian frontier guards they were leaving Hungary for "political reasons."

They apparently split into smaller groups immediately after crossing the border at a point near the British zone where the Soviet-occupied province of Burgenland is only a few miles wide.

One or all of the groups offered to surrender to the Austrian police at Földbach. Apparently they mistakenly thought they had reached the town of the same name located in the British Zone.

Officials based their belief that all but one had been caught by the Russians on the fact that no others had been reported reaching the British zone.—United Press.

Bangkok, Nov. 9. Siamese Army units under Field Marshal Luang Phibun Songgram (who, as Prime Minister during the Japanese occupation declared war on the Allies in 1942) seized key Government offices by force in the early hours of this morning and took over control of the Government in a coup d'etat.

Uncertainty surrounds the fate of the Premier, Rear-Admiral Luang Dhamrong Nawasawat (who headed a Cabinet mainly of members of the Popular Party, which was behind the anti-Japanese resistance movement during the war) and the Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Adul Aduldet Charat.

It was variously reported this morning that the Premier and Commander-in-Chief had fled the capital, that they were prisoners, that Marshal Adul was assuming troops in outlying stations, that he was in the city, and that he was involved in the conspiracy and was still in office.

In a statement to the Siamese people, Marshal Phibun said that the country's affairs would be quickly handled. He appealed to the people to carry on as usual.

A communique issued from the Defence Ministry building, where a group of army, air force and former army officers established headquarters, said the move was taken "to rid the country of widespread corruption and to solve the present difficult living conditions which the Government has failed to do."

Capital Normal
Marshal Phibun's forces are in control of transport, communications and broadcasting in Bangkok, and strategic areas have been cordoned off. Conditions in Bangkok (where tanks are controlling the streets) are outwardly normal, except that crowds have gathered in the streets, and anti-aircraft guns mounted.

Phibun, long known as an ardent nationalist, was Premier when the Japanese occupied the country immediately after Pearl Harbor. His troops put up perfunctory resistance but soon yielded to "superior Japanese forces." Phibun concluded a treaty of alliance with Japan and on Jan. 25, 1942, declared war on Britain and the United States.

When Japan was defeated in 1945, Phibun was placed under house arrest while war crimes charges were being prepared, but in 1947—three months after the signing of the New Year's Day peace treaty with Britain—he was released on the order of the Bangkok High Court.

First Since 1933
The coup is the first major armed movement against the Siamese Government since June, 1933, when Col. Phya Phnom, who had rebelled against the monarchy headed by the late King Prajadhipok a year earlier, organized a new coup after which a liberal State Council was formed. Phya Phnom became Premier and served until 1938.

The political situation has been unsettled since May 9, 1946 when a month before his mysterious death the late King Ananda Mahidol signed a new constitution abolishing the second category appointive membership of the House of Representatives, and removing the ban against the royal family participating in politics which was abolished under Phibun's wartime dictatorship.

Ananda's Death
Pradjadhipok abdicated on March 2, 1935, in favour of Prince Ananda, and Phibun, who already had some Japanese support, became Premier in 1938. There was no immediate indication that today's coup was connected with the death of Ananda, who was found shot through the head on June 9, 1946. However, gossip recalled the unsolved death.

Ananda was succeeded by King Phumiphon Aduldet, who will be 20 next month. He now rules under a regency of Prince Rangsit and Phya Manawarat Sewi—United Press, Reuter and Associated Press.

NEW SIAMESE CONSUL
Mr. Somporn Bunnag, the former Siamese Government's Trade Commissioner for Hong Kong has returned from Bangkok to take up his new post as the Siamese Consul-General here.

Surprise Turn To Hotels Strike
Seventy per cent of Union members among the restaurant staff of London's luxury Savoy Hotel decided today to resign from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers because their "livelihood was being endangered by chaotic and confusing" strikes, the latest of which broke out two days ago, at four big hotels.

In a letter published with the statement from the Savoy management emphasizing that action was entirely voluntary, waiters said that three strikes had been started in an "irresponsible" manner in the last twelve months.

The General and Municipal Workers Union have overnight decided to recognise the stoppage which revives the seven-month old dispute over the dismissal of a waiter, Union officials meeting today to decide further official action.

The estimates of the number of men on strike were still confused. The Union announced that there were 1,000 strikers at the Savoy alone, but the hotel estimated about 300.

Other places affected were Claridges, the Berkeley and Simpson's Restaurant—all of them crowded with visitors congregating for Princess Elizabeth's wedding on Nov. 20.—Reuter.

Love Train Raided
Tokyo, Nov. 9. Plain-clothes Japanese police officers today boarded a train carrying students from nearby Chiba Prefecture to Tokyo and pleaded especially with the girls to "behave."

A police spokesman said, "We attempted to learn whether reports that the train leaving Job at 3:15 p.m. for Chiba is a love-making train were true. We had an eye of girls making blind dates, joking and even playing with male university students. It is mistakes, understanding of liberty under the new democracy and we tried to re-educate with the students."

CHIANG KAI-SHEK CLAIMS BIG VICTORY

TAIPEH TRAGEDY

Nanking, Nov. 9. Fifteen workmen were injured, 100 houses damaged and property valued at sixty million Formosan dollars (US\$10,000) lost when an explosion occurred in a munition factory in Taipei, capital of Formosa, in the early hours of yesterday morning, according to Chinese press reports.—Reuter-AAP.

Shanghai Film Dispute

Shanghai, Nov. 9. A showdown on the Shanghai movie winter relief tax issue loomed today as the Commission of the Bureau of Social Affairs declared that if foreign film distributors refuse to pay tax and plan to withdraw imported films, "I see no reason why Shanghai citizens must see American movies, and expect that would help the Chinese movie industry."

He said that after all it is not the theatres or film distributors who will have to pay the 20 per cent surcharge. Movie goers will absorb the tax levy—indicating that he will allow an increase in admission fees which appeared to be a concession to film distributors.—United Press.

Threat To Close Universities
Nanking, Nov. 9. Informed sources said the Kuomintang Youth Minister, H. P. Chen, warned that striking students would find their universities dissolved if they "exceed proper limits" in their activities.

Chen, himself a former professor of the National Peking University, expressed himself after leaving a conference at Chiang Kai-shek's residence where it was said that the problem of student strikes and demonstrations was discussed.

Kuomintang officials received instructions at the conference on the handling of National elections as well as controlling student agitation.

A new wave of student strikes resulted from the suicide of a National Chienkung University student held by Police as a suspected Communist.

At the University of Nanking a student self-government body voted to limit their expressions to a formal message of condolence.

Chen, who is in charge of an estimated 400,000 former members of the San Min Chu-yi Corps, which was absorbed into the Kuomintang, said the Government would not molest students—including even suspected Communists—in order to

Typhoon Threat Over?

Nanking, Nov. 9. The Central Meteorological Bureau announced tonight that the Pacific typhoon "Dora" passed Luzon and reached the South China Sea at 2 p.m. today.

The typhoon, travelling in a north-northeasterly direction, is expected to hit southern Taiwan and the nearby waters tomorrow.

The weather station issued a general warning to all shipping in the South China Sea and the waters off Taiwan.—Central News

Yunnan Students Protest
A demonstration by some 20,000 middle school and university students protesting against the arrest of a number of students and teachers (alleged to be Communists) in Kunming, capital of China's southwest province of Yunnan, last Friday, was reported in yesterday's issue of the Leftist Chinese newspaper, "Wal Shuang Yat Po."

The Kunming despatch said that the day before the demonstration, which took place in the campus of the Yunnan University, 30 schools, including colleges and universities, went on strike following the arrests by the provincial authorities.

At the meeting in the Yunnan University campus on Friday a group of representatives was elected to interview the Governor personally with a petition for the release of the arrested students and teachers and for an official guarantee against future arrests.

The report added that the Governor, when interviewed, rejected the petition pointing out that the arrested persons had been proved to be Communists.

The dissatisfied students are still on strike, added the report.

Social Standards In Asia
New Delhi, Nov. 9. Jagjivan Ram of India, President of the preparatory Asian regional conference of the International Labour Organization, brought the group's two weeks sessions to a close.

"In the contracted world of today," he told the final meeting, "it is in the best interest of the Western countries to raise the social standard of Asia, which is the only means to the real end—to have the world devoid of the conflicts of exploitation, so that every individual may feel he is free."

R. Rao, assistant Secretary General of the conference, asserted that "the end of the hours of this conference marked the extension of the principles of the ILO in this part

NANKING BARGAIN WITH DEMOCRATS

Nanking, Nov. 9. The Government's apparent purpose in forcing the Democratic League into voluntary dissolution appeared to be succeeding as the Ministry of the Interior ordered provincial and municipal peace preservation corps officials to respect completely an "agreement" between the League leader, Hwang Yen-pel, and the National Government.

While terms of the pact were not formally announced it was understood the Government promises protection and security to individual League members in return for the League's dissolution.

Central News said the agreement provided:—
1—The League is to dissolve itself and the Government will absorb all

its leaders of responsibility for the League actions.

2—Communist property left in the care of the League will be transferred to the Government.

3—The League's own property may be transferred to the Government as the dissolution is effected.

4—The League must return to the Government the houses allocated for the use of its officials but will be given a reasonable period to vacate them.

5—Government promises not to molest property of individual League members.

Overseas Units
6—League members are exempted from registering with Police as required of all Communists in Government-held areas.

7—All League members arrested will be given trials in compliance with the law.

League members who were not members of the Communist Party are not subject to regulations covering the Communist Party.

Both Government and League officials here said there is little possibility of forcing the dissolution of overseas units of the League, several of which already have indicated they will continue to function in opposition to the Chiang regime.—Associated Press.

Chiang On Elections

Nanking, Nov. 9. Chiang Kai-shek, at a dinner party to top Government officials at his official residence, dispelled rumours that the election of the National Assembly will be postponed for a second time.

He said the Government has resolved to hold the elections as scheduled "under any circumstances" and asked Government leaders connected with electoral duties to support candidate nominations of the Young China and Democratic Socialist Parties.

Thus far two minority parties represented in the Government have not yet submitted their lists of candidates.

The delay, was caused by the Kuomintang's refusal to support a number of important candidates who are from two minority parties.—Associated Press.

Princess' Wedding Expenses
London, Nov. 9. Although she is the heiress to the throne of the mightiest empire on earth, Princess Elizabeth's wedding will cost not more than £10,000, it was estimated today.

Buckingham Palace will not give out the figures and so all estimates are rough approximations. But Britons feel they are very close to it when they break down the expenses to £5,000 for the King and about £200 for the bridegroom, Lt. Philip Mountbatten.

Estimates to the public have already been mentioned in Parliament as £4,000.

Of course few multi-millionaires could afford to pay 5,000 pounds and 100 soldiers and other civil servants who will be on duty on Nov. 20, but this does not require any special levy because it comes out of the annual appropriation called "Imperial services."

The major part of the expenses will be some £3,500 for wedding dresses for the Queen, bridemaids and for the trousseau although the prices charged by Norman Hartnell will bear small relation to the actual value of the gowns.

The King's expenses might have been higher had there not been so many gifts of furs, lingerie, etc.—The King will also spend

A TOTAL WRECK

London, Nov. 8. Lloyd's reported from Malmö, Sweden, tonight that a 403 tons Finnish steamer bound for Gothenburg, Sweden, had gone aground yesterday outside Malmö and was "probably" totally wrecked and the crew lost.

The vessel was stated to be carrying 130 standards of timber which would be discharged if possible.—Reuter.

Fishery Employees' Decision

The 300-odd employees of the Fisheries Marketing Section, who have been informed that their demand for payment of Rehabilitation Allowance at full Government scale could not be met, decided at a meeting on Saturday night to enforce their demand.

It was unanimously resolved that a 24-hour ultimatum be presented to Mr. J. Cater, Head of the organization, tomorrow. Failing a satisfactory reply the men will walk out en masse on Wednesday.

Also heading for a showdown with their employers are the waiters, room boys, attendants and other service employees of the Colony's foreign-managed hotels (Hong Kong, Peninsular, Republic Bay, Gloucester, Arlington, Seaview &c.) and catering establishments such as the Lido, Dairy Farm, Gloucester Lounge, Wiseman's &c.

The men have been negotiating with their managements for a month for an increase in basic pay and annual increments.

It was decided at the meetings that Wednesday, Nov. 12 should be set as the deadline for acceptance by the employers, failing which action would be taken to enforce the demands.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT the synoptic chart: 200 miles SE of Hong Kong was almost stationary. A complete low pressure system extends from the Caribbean across Mexico to Siberia and pressure is high over Mongolia.

Today's forecast: fresh or strong NW winds, clearing, with intermittent rain.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 71.0 deg. F. Min: 54.0 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.1 inch. Sunshine: 1 hour.

Forecast: Trace. Total since Jan. 1: 287.0 mm (11.30 inch). An airport at average of 804 ft. (247 ft.) reading at 10.00 a.m.

Baro. at msl.: 1013.7 mm (27.92 inch). Rel. Humidity: 68.7 per cent. Dew Point: 14.4 deg. C (57.9 deg. F). Wind Direction: NW. Wind Force: 3 knots.

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BATTLE OVER LORDS' BILL

Churchill To Force Issue To Commons Vote

Crisis Budget On Wednesday

London, Nov. 8. A fierce battle will be joined between the Labour Government and the Conservative Opposition in Parliament on Monday over Government's legislation to curtail the powers of the House of Lords.

Although the fight will not reach a critical stage for the Government until the Bill goes to the House of Lords, Mr. Winston Churchill and his supporters will force the Commons to fight a vote on Tuesday night.

Government, its critics consider, has gravely risked its prestige by raising this constitutional issue at the present time when, they say, every nerve and sinew of the official machine ought to be coordinated in the effort to extricate the country from the economic crisis.

There is no Government concealed purpose in the Parliament Bill, its main use will be to protect the approaching nationalisation of the iron and steel industry by reducing the House of Lords' power to delay the Bill to the maximum of one year.

The iron and steel industry has now reached an all-time high level of production—well above Government target—and Government opponents say that the Government fears the results of nationalising it at this moment.

Pledged

Whether this is the case or not, the Government intention is to introduce the nationalisation of iron and steel at the next session. With the present Parliamentary law, the Peers could now delay its enforcement for two years so that Government would have to go to the country with its policy frustrated.

Labour at the next session will have two years of its term of office remaining and it is pledged to nationalise iron and steel. Failure to do so would produce a Left Wing revolt involving possibly the resignation of the Cabinet member and Left Wing leader, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister.

By introducing the Parliament Bill now and assuming the Peers' maximum obstruction to the measure, Government's Bill will ensure the enactment of the House of Lords' powers two years hence. The Bill, moreover, by being retroactive, will protect the position of measures such as the iron and steel nationalisation, which, by then, may have been obstructed by the House of Lords for one year.

"Fiddling"

A general charge which will be made by Liberals as well as Conservatives is that the Bill is a case of "fiddling while Rome burns".

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Handsome Gift

London, Nov. 8. A jewelled clip made of diamonds from South Africa, rubies from Burma and platinum from Canada, mounted on a box of Canadian silver lined cedar from British Honduras, will be the wedding gift to Princess Elizabeth of the Overseas League.

The clip is in the form of the League's emblem with the letters "O S" imposed on a galleon in full sail. —Reuter.

Tax Reforms In France

Paris, Nov. 9. Determined to balance the nation's budget, Finance Minister Robert Schuman proposes to spread a net for about 16,000,000 Frenchmen—roughly 1/3rd of France's population—who until now have always thought taxes were something other people paid.

The Minister has drafted a series of local and tax reforms which he hopes will add about 75,000,000 francs to the Treasury's income. His programme is part of the commitment which France made during the Marshall Plan discussions here to set her financial house in order.

A key feature of Schuman's project is the establishment of a taxation record for every French citizen, similar to birth records, to take in the people who up to now have successfully evaded taxes. —Associated Press.

Heavier Taxes On Cigarettes?

London, Nov. 8. Britons, already one of the highest taxed peoples in the world, expect to hear next week that they must pay still more taxes on their cigarettes, their drinks and even some of their clothes.

The tax increases will be included in a supplementary budget to be introduced in the Commons on Wednesday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hugh Dalton. As will be signed to soak up the purchasing power of the people in exact relation to the withdrawal of goods from home market for export, and thus save on inflation.

Government sources already said that Dalton will impose 100 percent purveyance tax on luxury goods and increase buyers of articles subject to it. There have been some reports that the tax may be increased to 200 percent. Already increased to 100 percent purchase tax are such items as silk underwear and other silk clothing. Sources also said that taxes on gin, whisky, spirits and tobacco may be upped. —United Press.

New Soviet Policy Predicted

London, Nov. 9. The International Committee for the study of European questions reported today that Germans and Russians are engaged in "active collaboration" developing and manufacturing arms in Russia and the Soviet zone of Germany.

The organisation, a six-nation non-governmental group of men prominent in public and private affairs, warned of the possibility of war between Russia and the Western powers.

The Committee, which claims a continent-wide espionage system of its own, contended that Russia will take a new line in coming international conferences to woo Germany with an "appeal to the nationalist feeling of the German people."

It predicted this Soviet policy would include advocacy of a unified Germany, establishment of a highly centralised Government, elections for one parliament and the withdrawal of all forces of occupation.

The report declared a strong central Government in Berlin, less than 60 miles from the "new frontiers of Poland and Russia" would be almost directly under the influence of Russia.

War Material

The report said that the "war material tested and constructed jointly" by highly placed German and Russian Army officers and technicians includes heavy and medium tanks, anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns, fast armoured vehicles, aircraft and aircraft engines, jet propelled aircraft and missiles, naval supplies in-

Dangerous

The report said: "This appears to be a dangerous procedure owing to the fact that it will permit Germany—one day reconstructed—to be informed of the military secrets of the four powers in spite of the control of the military commissions in Germany."

The Committee reported that work on aircraft and aircraft engines was going on, "among other places," in the Russian sector of Berlin and at Dessau and that research on jet propelled aircraft was carried on at Halle, south of Magdeburg and near Goerlitz.

The committee said that it is "essential that the democracies should make the world aware of the fact that they represent the international force of liberty. Only if the democracies remain closely united will they succeed in ensuring the victory of these principles inside their countries and outside." —Associated Press.

Warning To Unions

Dundee, Nov. 8. The Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs, told workers here that "a spirit of intolerance" was showing its head in the trade union movement—"a spirit of intolerance which urges people to disregard the advice of their elected officers and take notice of irresponsible people outside who encourage them to unofficial strikes."

Mr. Isaacs said that Britain was producing more than ever before in peacetime and that was a fact that was not fully understood at home, and he was sure it was not understood abroad.

British workers are not lazy and are sitting down waiting for someone to lend them money to buy their food. They are quite prepared, now as ever, to work out their own salvation, he added. —Reuter.

EXPRESS CRASH

Hamburg, Nov. 9. Twenty-five people were injured, six of them being rushed to hospital, when an express train crashed into a stationary train in thick fog at the Dammtor Station here today. The line was blocked for several hours. —Reuter.

U.S. Embassy Riposte

Prague, Nov. 8. The United States Embassy here today issued a statement answering charges in some Czechoslovak papers that American authorities in Germany were allowing Sudeten Germans to carry on political activities harmful to Czechoslovakia.

The statement said: "It is the intention of the military authorities in Germany that the Sudeten Germans, expelled from Czechoslovakia to the American Zone, should be integrated into the German social and economic structure and that their interests should, as soon as possible, become identical with those prevailing in Germany."

The statement added that organisations of Sudeten Germans were being entrusted by the American authorities with the task of protecting and improving their social and economic conditions. Organisations with political activities as their main aim and with membership limited, solely to those transferred were not permitted. —Reuter.

CHOLERA FEARS

London, Nov. 9. As an anti-cholera precaution, the Persian Ministry of Health today ordered Persian diplomatic representatives in India, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Transjordan to cease issuing entry and transit visas to Persia for an indefinite period. Teheran Radio reported today. —Reuter.



CALL TO BRITISH WOMEN—This poster on war-blitzed site at Ludgate Circus, London, urges British women to help increase production by returning to industry. (AP Photo).

Army Officer Before Court-Martial

Paris, Nov. 8. A British Army court martial today found Major Alfred Waywell, aged 48, of the Royal Pioneer Corps, guilty of stealing 400 blankets and a German Opel motor car, the property of the public.

The court found him not guilty of a third charge of having stolen 240 blankets.

All the blankets involved in the charges had been consigned to the 57th Graves Concentration Unit at Argenton sur Creuse, of which Major Waywell was commanding officer.

It was alleged in evidence that Major Waywell had sold the captured German car to a French civilian for 120,000 francs and had later taken it back and repaid the purchase money.

The court adjourned after the findings were announced and was to hear a plea in mitigation this afternoon.

In his evidence yesterday, Major Waywell denied stealing any blankets and said that he was told by the officer in charge of the Army depot in Paris that he could have

"TOKYO ROSE"

Washington, Nov. 9. The State Department is considering a request by "Tokyo Rose" to return to the United States to live.

The spokesman said, "The Department of State has the application under consideration at the present time. No decision has been made yet." —United Press.

MINE THREAT TO OREGON COAST

Seattle, Nov. 9. Coast Guardsmen from the Aquina Bay lifeboat station exploded a Japanese mine floating into Depoe Bay on the Oregon coast today before it reached shore, but the explosion shattered windows in houses overlooking the bay.

The Guardsmen used a rifle to detonate the mine. It exploded on the third shot. It was about 1/4 of a mile offshore. This was the seventh Japanese mine reported sighted off the Oregon and Washington coasts since Nov. 4. Five had been destroyed previously. —Associated Press.

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for the 1948 edition should be corrected
and completed as soon as possible, and returned
to the "CHINA MAIL" Office, Windsor House,
without delay.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE is hereby given
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
Mezzanine Floor, Windsor
House, Victoria, in the Colony
of Hongkong at 11 a.m. on Fri-
day the 21st day of November
1947 for the purpose of con-
sidering and if thought fit pass-
ing the following Resolution, as
an ordinary Resolution.

"That the authorised
capital of the Company be
increased from its present
capital of \$2,250,000.00 divid-
ed into 300,000 shares of
\$7.50 each (of which 293,335
shares have been issued) to
\$7,500,000.00 by the creation
of 700,000 additional shares
of the nominal value of \$7.50
each and that the unissued
shares of the Company's
capital and such additional
shares as aforesaid shall be
issued at such time or times
and upon such terms and
conditions as the Company's
Board of Directors in their
absolute discretion shall
think fit."

NOTICE is also given that
if the above Resolution is duly
passed it is the intention of the
Directors to close the Register
of Members of the Company
for a period of two weeks from
the 17th day of December 1947
to the 30th day of December
1947 both dates inclusive. The
Directors will offer to members
shown on such Register on the
16th day of December 1947,
6,665 shares of the Company of
the nominal value of \$7.50 each
(being the present unissued
capital of the Company) to-
gether with an additional 188,892
shares of the nominal value
of \$7.50 each created in ac-
cordance with the above Resolu-
tion all at a premium of \$7.50
per share and on the footing
that the full nominal value of
each share taken up plus the
premium (making together
\$15.00 per share) shall be paid
in full on acceptance of the
offer and in any case not later
than the 31st March 1948 and
so that each member of the
Company or his approved
nominee shall be entitled to ap-
ply for and take up two new
shares for every three issued
shares held by such member on
the 16th December 1947. The
shares so offered shall rank for
dividend as from the 1st day
of April 1948.

If under the terms of the
offer any member would be en-
titled to a fractional share the
Directors in lieu of issuing
fractional certificates will cause
the whole share to be issued to
a person or persons to be nam-
ing by the Directors and such
share shall at such time as the
Directors think fit be sold and
the proceeds distributed among
the persons entitled to the frac-
tions making up such share.

The Directors will dispose of
any shares offered to members
in the event of non acceptance
by payment thereof by mem-
bers or their approved
nominees on or before the 31st
day of March 1948 at such time
or times and upon such terms
and conditions as they may
decide.

It is most important that
any persons who have purchas-
ed shares in the Company but
are not on the Register in re-
spect thereof should, if they
wish to take advantage of the
offer, present their transfers
for registration accompanied by
the requisite share certificates
on or before the 16th day of
December 1947.

The offer will be made by
Notice sent by Post to each
shareholder specifying the
number of shares to which
each shareholder is entitled
and such offer, if not accepted
either on behalf of such mem-
ber or his nominee on or be-
fore the 31st day of March
1948, will be deemed to be de-
clined.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st October, 1947.

U.N.R.R.A.

Notice is hereby given that with
the impending closure of the
operations of the United
Nations Relief and Rehabilitation
Administration in Hongkong, all
persons or firms are requested to
submit in writing to the un-
dersigned before the 20th
November, 1947, particulars of
all claims or debts outstanding
against the said Administration.

All debts incurred after the
20th November, 1947, until the
date of final closure will be paid
promptly.

The functions of the Repatri-
ation Branch of UNRRA have as
from the 1st July, 1947, been as-
sumed by the Preparatory Com-
mission of the International Re-
fugee Organization with its
Hongkong Office situated on the
3rd floor of the Ritz Hotel, 122,
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Kowloon.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the Eleventh Extra
Race Meeting to be held on
Saturday, 22nd November 1947
(weather permitting) may be
obtained at the Secretary's Office,
Exchange Building, the Club
House, Happy Valley; and the
Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
noon on Thursday, 13th
November 1947.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Actg. Secretary.

WAH YAN STUDENTS PAST & PRESENT

Please Note

On Tuesday 11th Nov. at
9.30 a.m. in the Catholic
Cathedral, a Requiem Mass will
be said by the Rector of Wah
Yan College, for Masters and
Students of Wah Yan who have
died.

Students, Past and Present,
and their friends are most
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BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF DISPOSAL FAR EAST-
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Sale etc. may be obtained from Messrs. Lammert Brothers.

Inspection of Stores at the above locations can be made
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hours of 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the 10th, 11th, and 12th
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CHAIRMAN,
BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD.
(HONG KONG)

FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA General Marshall Expected To Indicate Policy

Pact With Russia Demanded

Perth, Nov. 8.

The time has come for
Britain to reach an agree-
ment with the Soviet
Union on the basis of the
Labour Government's
election pledges instead
of by "time honoured
methods of power poli-
tics" and "traditional
Tory Foreign Office con-
ception" of British na-
tional interests in world
affairs.

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, Labour
Member of Parliament, just re-
turned from a tour through
Eastern Europe, made this state-
ment at a meeting here today.

Mr. Zilliacus, who is one of
the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest
Bevin's, most bitter critics in
Government's foreign policy was
based on Anglo-American bloc
"bound by military understand-
ing and ready to use the threat
of war as an instrument of
national policy in their dealings
with the Soviet Union".

The Labour Government, he
said, was pledged to the view
that Britain should invite the
Soviet Union and the United
States into partnership in settle-
ing the affairs of Palestine and
the whole of the Middle East, but
the Government had revived a
foreign policy which conceived
it in Britain's interest to exclude
the Soviet Union from the Mid-
dle East and the Eastern Medi-
terranean.—Reuter

African Governors' Conference

London, Nov. 8.

The first large-scale conference of
African Governors ever held was
opened today in London by the
Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur
Creach Jones.

The conference will sit for a fort-
night and all sessions will be in
secret.

The main items on the agenda will
deal with African affairs from the
political, administrative, economic
and social points of view.
Governors and advisers from 10
colonies in Africa are attending.
Lord Milverton, Governor of
Nigeria, replied to the speech of
welcome by Mr. Creach Jones.
This conference is in the nature
of a "working committee" for a
larger conference which is proposed
to hold in London next year and
which will be attended by African
representatives of their own ter-
ritories.—Reuter

Canton, Nov. 9.

Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of
Kwangtung, and Mrs. Soong,
returned to Canton from Nanking
by plane yesterday.—K.P.N.

No Final Decision Reached

Washington, Nov. 9.

Secretary of State George Marshall is expected to
go before the House and Senate Foreign
Affairs Committee tomorrow with an estimate
of needs for aid to China — and possibly other
areas — as well as aid to Europe.

Highly placed informants
said today that China may
need about U.S.\$1,000,000,000
worth of American help next
year, although no final decision
on policy has yet been made as
to the extent of help.

However, there seems to be
little doubt among persons
normally informed on policy
development that the United
States has come to the end of
the period of minimum assist-
ance, and is actively seeking a
means of bolstering China
against economic collapse,
Communist military pressure,
and political disintegration.

Far East

Arthur Vandenberg, Chair-
man of the Senate Foreign
Relations Committee, advised
the administration weeks ago
and recently reiterated his
view, that the Government
should inform Congress not
only of its estimates of aid
needed in Europe but also of
its figures on the amount of
assistance which the United
States might profitably provide
to further American interests
in other parts of the world.
The only other part of the
world where large-scale Ameri-
can assistance is a major issue
is the Far East.

The State Department has
been studying the problem
there not only as it relates to
China but also in terms of the
community of economic inter-
ests among China, Korea, Ja-
pan, the Philippines and other
nations in the area. The area
is not so closely knit as that
in Europe but there is some
belief at the State Department
that some of its problems may
be eased by at least a common
understanding of them through-
out the region.

Aid To China

Marshall's principal task on
Monday will be to discuss the
need for emergency aid to
France and Italy and its rela-
tion to long term European re-
covery. He is expected to
touch on the Chinese situation
only in a general way. He is
understood to be prepared
barring last minute revision of
his statement to stress the ad-
ministration argument that
recovery in Europe, bringing

LORD AMMON'S MESSAGE

Nanking, Nov. 9.

Lord Ammon, head of the Bri-
tish Parliamentary Goodwill Mis-
sion to China, sent a telegram
of thanks to the Chinese Foreign
Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh,
before taking off from Hong
Kong.

The message said: "On behalf
of the British Parliamentary
Goodwill Mission I ask you to
accept thanks for the courtesies
and kindness extended to us dur-
ing our visit to China. Long may
our countries be knit in peace
and friendship."—Reuter-AAP.

"Chrysanthemum Murder" Case

London, Nov. 9.

The meek little man who loves flowers today
succeeded in smashing the invasion of human
pests into his floral world.

Plucky, home-loving Jim Jack-
son refused to surrender his
week-long battle against a group
of gamblers who invaded the
rural tranquillity of Macclesfield,
Cheshire.

The gamblers, still at large,
created a panic in the normally
serene horticultural world by
placing bets on winners of Mac-
clesfield flower-shows and other
exhibits throughout the country.
Soho circles — underworld
characters who populate Lon-
don's square mile of sin — ad-
mitted sheepishly that their
latest venture in gambling had
been forced by Government's
attitude toward "spivs" — men
nebulously employed during the
economic crisis.

Many of these characters, ly-
ing low while the heat was on,
drifted to the country. Their
fingers, however, could not
refrain from a little "harmless
betting" on flower shows.

According to a police theory
they made up books just as in
horse races, studied the various
flower growers and their en-
tries and — went to work.
In particular they went to
work on Jim Jackson, one of

Macclesfield's leading flower
growers.

Just seven days ago while
Jim was away from his home
they sneaked into his hothouse
and poisoned his six handsome
chrysanthemums, leading con-
tenders for next Friday's show.

Borgia Spivs

The Macclesfield police were
called in on the "Chrysanthemum
Murder Case." They interviewed
dozens of horticulturists and
found out lots about flowers but
nothing about spivs. The
"layers" had vanished to their
hideouts awaiting the humiliat-
ing defeat of Jim Jackson at
the next show.

What they didn't know was
that Jim had not just six re-
placements but dozens of
chrysanthemums and other
flowers which, in an emergency,
he could rush from the hothouse
into the fray.

Today, Jim, held two more
silver cups for his collection and
18 new prizes. He still had the
best chrysanthemums in town.
The poisonous hand of Borgia
spivs has been withdrawn and
its masters slunk away to find
easier targets than Jim Jackson.
—United Press.

"Snowball" Train

Los Angeles, Nov. 8.

Film stars paraded down
Hollywood Boulevard with
12 carloads of food to send
off America's "snowball"
friendship train last night
for its trans-continental
trip to pick up more food
for Europe all the way from
California to New York.

As Laurita Melchior sang
"The Star Spangled Ban-
ner," 160 search-lights fan-
ned out to form a great
"V" in the sky.

The train will travel by
way of Utah to Chicago,
where it will split into two
sections to travel by dif-
ferent routes to New York,
arriving there on Nov. 18.
—Reuter.

SAAR VOTES FOR FRANCE

Frankfurt, Nov. 9.

The new constitution of the
Saar, providing for an economic
union with France, was adopted
by the Saar Landtag by 45 votes
to 1.

The solitary vote against the
constitution was cast by one of
the two Communist members —
the other Communist member
was not present. Twenty-five
members of the Christian Peo-
ple's Party, 17 Social Democrats
and three Democrats all voted in
favour.—Reuter.

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COLONY WIN LAWN BOWLS

Alf Hall's Fine Display

Hong Kong scored its first victory in the Lawn Bowls Interport when Hall's rink defeated Main's rink by 19 to 14 shots on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club green yesterday.

The two teams were very evenly matched, and, without belittling the Hong Kong victory, Shanghai was really unlucky to lose, as Tommy Main and his men gave a wonderful exhibition of the game.

Fred Madar had a slight edge on A. M. Omar who, at the beginning, was bowling "somewhat erratically". After the interval, Omar picked up considerably and was a better opponent for the visiting team.

Both the seconds, C. L. Passos and the Fraser, played a brilliant game and were often the recipients of applause from the large gathering of enthusiasts who turned up, with their ladies, to watch the first Interport since 1935.

Although A. M. Gutierrez made numerous excellent shots, the local No. 3, R. F. Lau, was more than a match for him.

The Shanghai Captain, Tommy Main, played a most steady game. Were it not for his taking the wood, out on several heads Hong Kong could have won by a bigger margin.

Many Thrills

Alf Hall had never played a better game than he did yesterday. His shots were almost perfect, and his opponent could put nothing on him. The game itself was full of thrills, and up to the 17th head ultimate victory was in the lap of the gods, although, on the previous head, it looked as if Hong Kong had the match all sewn up in the bag. Shanghai drew first blood with a singleton. Hall replied with a two on the second head, followed by a single. The next end went to Main. On the fifth head, Hong Kong scored a three in lead by four. Main's singleton on the next head was wiped off by Hall on the 7th. A two on the 9th gave the local team a 6-shot lead which was reduced to three on the 11th by three singles.

Splendid Shot

At the tea interval, Shanghai was trailing 6-10, which was further increased by two singles on the 13th and 14th ends.

Frontier Incidents

Sofia, Nov. 9. Bulgaria has reported to the United Nations two incidents on the Greco-Bulgarian frontier, the Bulgarian news agency said today.

Five or six shots were fired yesterday from Greek territory at a Bulgarian frontier post opposite the railway bridge over the river Dereska in the Svilengrad area, near the junction of the Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish frontiers, the agency said.

The Bulgarian guards returned the fire and the attackers withdrew.

The other incident, according to the agency, occurred on Oct. 20, near Petrich, at the western end of the Greco-Bulgarian frontier, where three mortar bombs, fired by Greek troops, were stated to have fallen on Bulgarian soil. — Reuter.

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H.K. TALKS SATISFACTORY

Paris, Nov. 9. Dr. Le Van Hoa, former Premier of Cochinchina, after his visit to Hong Kong, is reported to be very satisfied with the situation in the colony. He stated on returning to Saigon that his conference had been satisfactory, the French press agency reported from Saigon today.

Democracy Or Police State

Shanghai, Nov. 9. Speaking before 1,000 students and professors at the 41st anniversary of the United States Embassy in Shanghai, Dr. John Leighton Stuart yesterday urged the country's students to strive for democracy.

He pointed out that the only alternative would be a "police state".

The China-born Ambassador said the will of the people is the best guide for the Government and quoted a remark by the United States Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln: "No man is good enough to govern another, without that other's consent."

Dr. Stuart said China's dangers lie in the unbalanced livelihood of the people, adding that economic welfare would be an important factor in attaining democracy and urging students to cherish civil rights and liberties. — United Press.

Palestine Slow Work

Lake Success, Nov. 8. A growing fear that the United Nations may not reach a decision on Palestine at this session was reflected in the announcement today by Dr. Herbert Evatt, of Australia, chairman of the Palestine Committee, calling the group into session early on Tuesday.

Dr. Evatt proposes to hold continuous sittings until some final conclusion is reached.

Dr. Evatt cancelled his planned trip to England to attend the wedding of Princess Elizabeth in order to try to hasten a decision on Palestine.

The United States and Russia, meanwhile, have agreed to reconsider their conflicting views on Palestine partition and make a final effort to compromise during the weekend. S. Saraphin of Russia said at the end of a third secret conference consisting of the U.S., Russia, Canada and Guatemala that "There may be something on Monday." — United Press.

JUNK OVERTURNS

A sudden gust of wind resulted in the overturning of a junk at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday while it was on its way up to the harbour from Shaukiwan. The nine occupants, who were thrown into the water, were rescued by nearby junks, but all property on board was lost.

A Chinese boy scout, aged about 14, received severe injuries to his right foot at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday, when he was knocked down by an east bound bus after alighting from a tramcar at the foot of Garden Road, near the Cricket Ground.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 475 cycles per second, 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.45 p.m.—Musical and His Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—Studio "A" with Campbell and His Hill Billy Band.
1.30 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Popular Duets.
2.00 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Variety Request Favourites.
2.45 p.m.—Studio Linda Carter Talks on Films.
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Britain Pays Homage

London, Nov. 9. Traffic stopped, machinery was still, church services were interrupted and people stood to attention throughout Britain today as guns boomed out a two-minute Remembrance Day silence in homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice in the two World Wars.

In Whitehall, the King and Princess Elizabeth placed wreaths of the Cenotaph, watched by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

Many thousands of people had made a pilgrimage to the outdoor Remembrance Day service.

The Queen stood in one of the balconies of the Home Office with Queen Mary, both in black. Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Kent and Princess Marie Louise.

Members of the Cabinet, headed by Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Anthony Eden, deputising for Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, who was indisposed, stood facing the west side of the Cenotaph.

King George was in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, followed by Princess Elizabeth in the khaki uniform of an Army Auxiliary staff officer. Lt. Mountbatten was with them in a naval uniform. — Reuter.

Thrilling Sea Rescue

Ludington, Michigan, Nov. 9. The little Coast Guard cutter Sundew raced 150 miles through "50 to 30 foot waves to snare" the disabled freighter Jupiter and her crew of 28 to safety from the tremendous reefs of Lake Michigan's "graveyard of ships."

By skillful maneuvering, the Sundew got a line on board the Jupiter and hauled the 348-foot freighter into open water away from the reefs.

Meanwhile, a raging snow and windstorm churned the Great Lakes and endangered shipping all along Michigan's length of coastline. In Lake Huron, whipped to a froth by the wind, another freighter, the grain carrier William C. Warren, was reported aground and leaking off Rogers City, Michigan. A tug and a lighter moved to her assistance. — Associated Press.

KING A TYPHOID CASE

Athens, Nov. 9. After a new blood analysis, King Paul of Greece, who has been ill for the past week, was today found to be suffering not from paratyphoid, as earlier reported, but from typhoid. It was learned from a reliable source.

WATERLOO ROAD CRASH

Tong Man-kwong, driver of taxi 418, received serious injuries when his car crashed into a pillar along Waterloo Road at about 3 p.m. yesterday. Tong was admitted to hospital for treatment.

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CHINA

The Kuomintang is making it increasingly difficult to pay serious attention to China's national elections, due to be held throughout Nationalist-held territory in China next week. An ill-judged decision to outlaw the only important opposition party (other than the avowed Communists) was had enough. The complaints of the Young China Party and the Carson Chang "Democrats" that even under the new dispensation, an attempt is being made to edge them out of fair representation in the National Assembly illustrates to what extent democratic professions are to be taken at their face value in a part of the world where "face" remains more important than independent thought. On the other side of the picture, there is to be found but a trifling encouragement. Highly respected intellectual leaders have been courageous enough to protest against the desperate undemocratic action of a government which, apparently teetering at the edge of chaos, has moved to smash the one really coherent group standing in opposition to Government policies. In accepting, under duress, the necessity for dissolving the Democratic League within China, Chang Lan, the chairman, remained bold enough to assert that while it was possible to destroy the Democratic League organisation, as such, the Government could not prevent the proponents of democracy from thinking for themselves, and striving towards peace and unity in China and the creation of a genuine democracy. It would seem, nevertheless, that these are but voices crying in the wilderness, and that the weapon of the secret police remains decisive, preventing the development of that sensitive public opinion which could alone convert China's "democratic constitution" into an accomplished fact. Sun Yat-sen, the father of modern China, saw democracy as the third stage of a process, the first two of which were military unification of the country and political tutelage by a single party. The present situation shows China's nominal conversion to democracy to be still wretchedly entangled in the other two, and mainly because the Kuomintang "old guard" will not permit challenge to the tremendous power they have acquired, much less consent to conditions which could possibly involve voluntary relinquishment. Much the same doubts could be raised regarding the political set-up in peaceful and docile Japan. It is tempting to believe that here democracy has been created overnight: many observers do believe it. There is, however, substantial ground for scepticism. Acute students of Japan, and particularly those who were well acquainted with the country prior to 1941, and prior to the arrival of General MacArthur, are less ready to accept Japan's sudden transformation as authentic, and insist that feudalism and nationalism of the ambitious militarist type are still forces, temporarily under cover, with which democracy must wage an unremitting fight. In Japan, these things in themselves are no reason for abandoning the effort. On the contrary, every genuine effort for democracy in the Far East demands a strong and sympathetic hand. The mere fact that elections are being held in China represents some gain. Millions of individuals will be recording a vote for the first time in China's history. Balancing hope with realism and scepticism by faith, it is still possible to suppose that that fact in itself will serve to intensify consciousness of national interests and provoke thought concerning the meaning of such an election. While therefore the scales are grossly overweighted this time in favour of an overwhelming Kuomintang majority, this election must still rank as the first definite step towards the emergence of a true democracy in China.

Recently representatives of the well-known American magazine "Fortune" visited Hong Kong and studied the Colony's relative prosperity in a troubled Far East. Here is a Summary of Their

REPORT ON
HONG KONG

Hong Kong, Britain's "commercial crown jewel," is the subject of an exhaustive report and a portfolio of pictures in Fortune magazine. The article was written by John Luters, who spent three months in Hong Kong during the spring and summer of 1946.

Fortune finds that the Crown Colony of Hong Kong—"part of an Asia marked by alarms and of a British Empire marked by breakdowns"—is quiet and stable. "It is also, unlike other Asiatic cities, prosperous, and unlike many British possessions, a source of income rather than of strategically justified outlay," the report says.

"Here profits run to 15% or even 30% on investment, and Occidentals—the taipans or big businessmen of Hong Kong—still run an Asiatic show on their own terms. But the terms are rather new. Since what the taipans seek is profits on trade, the Colony is open to all comers; since what the British economy requires is exports, trade nowadays is efficiently controlled to preserve Hong Kong's favourable position in the British balance sheet."

Trade Interests

Hong Kong means trade, the magazine explains. It points out that apart from a few small concerns, there are no manufacturing companies of more than local importance. There is no income from raw materials, little from finished materials, and Government services cost more than they bring in.

Everything, the report says, is up to the traders—the export-import houses, banks, ships, docks and godowns.

About half of what they import—in particular, oil, fats, food, medicine, paper, metals, textiles and the home necessities of overseas Chinese—goes to China, whence come tung oil, bristles, hides, tungsten, tea and silk.

Hong Kong has lost business in the past to Shanghai and could again, the report states, adding:

"The only guarantee is an intangible—a Victorian devotion to the ideas of stability

and probity. The Colony, for instance, redeemed without discussion 120 million Hong Kong dollars worth of duress notes that the Japanese had extracted from interned Britons. It explains that Hong Kong has anchored its dollar at the pre-war rate of four of its dollars to one U.S. dollar and has kept the open market discount from fluctuating beyond 25%. Living costs of the native population have been pared down to three times the pre-war level.

Hong Kong's total trade in 1946 was H.K.\$1,699 millions, compared with H.K.\$1,128 millions in 1939. Price rises, it is said, accounted for the dollar increase, since tonnage was half what it was in 1939. But, in the first quarter of 1947 bulk cargoes began to reach the pre-war level and dollar value was nearly double.

Will It Last?

This prosperity is reflected everywhere in the Colony, the report says. And, the question in everybody's mind is "Will it last?"

After outlining the principal features of the business life of the Colony, the report finds "the Colony's future looks rosier to-day than before the Japanese occupied it."

It continues, "For, after a high point of trade in 1924—67 million tons of it—Hong Kong gradually lost business to Shanghai, a decline speeded up by the approach of war. Today the trend is reversed, for all former treaty ports now share China's instability. Yet Hong Kong has all the problems of any war-stricken community: far too little housing, far too high land costs, far too little food."

It is pointed out that the Chinese poured in by the thousands, more than doubling the wartime low of 750,000 population. It adds: "White-collar workers are badly off, and there is some corruption in Government. The demand for goods still exceeds the supply, and the Colony suffers from widespread selling back and forth of everything from fountain pens to real estate."

Labour costs are high and Hong Kong is said to be no

longer the cheapest port in the world for ship repairs, but one of the most expensive.

It is explained that promptly after reoccupation, the Government took measures to control trade and rationed basic foods and fuel, and imposed price controls on necessary and over-priced goods.

China's Instability

Then, when there was a danger that local merchandise would promptly be drained off for inflated sale prices in China, the Government marshalled its powers over foreign exchange and export licences.

"Hong Kong's stability since the war has been won in part because China is unstable," the article says. "Its level of trade has been increased by imports into China of goods not calculated to strengthen the Chinese economy. Both the Colony and the Empire depend on Hong Kong's business and at the same time Hong Kong must do its best for its best customer. For, the very instabilities that have brought trade into Hong Kong will in the long run take trade away. A little instability in China hurts Hong Kong not at all, but let that little become a lot, and it kills Hong Kong off. The Colony would be left without its major market. Hong Kong control of U.S. exports into China goes some distance toward meeting the Chinese request for luxury restrictions, at the same time it keeps the U.S. from becoming too great on the Colony's balance sheet. But this measure by no means solves the fundamental dilemma of relations with China."

Hong Kong, the report says, has a political as well as an economic dilemma. The fact of Hong Kong, it says, "confronts the resurgence of Chinese nationalism."

Social Issues

Measures have been taken, it says, first, in the breaking down of social barriers to the Chinese; second, in official permission for Chinese political parties to operate; and a third step on the agenda of the Government is to grant a degree of popular Government. Also, it adds, the British have taken measures directly friendly to China, such as turning over war surpluses and booty.

"Whether the Chinese can thus be appeased is a question for which there is no clear answer," it concedes. "Two groups in the Colony are inclined to believe not. One urges that Hong Kong be made into a show window of democracy in the East by further liberalisation of the Government. By this plan it would eventually become a self-governing unit within the Empire. The second group, determined at all costs to preserve some citadel of Western business on

the coast of Asia, would settle for an internationalised Hong Kong, perhaps under the United Nations.

"But these," it continues, "are the arguments of intellectuals on one hand and traders on the other. They are not the arguments of the Colonists. To them Hong Kong is a gem in the British economy, a unique dispensation of law and order, and an island of stability in a troubled Orient, a citadel of tradition, a centre of sound trade—in short, a Crown Colony. Here British rule strengthens, if it cannot perpetuate the reign of the last merchant princes."—Associated Press.

Rommel Murder:
General Accused

Frankfurt, Nov. 9. On the request of the Berchtesgaden denazification court, the police have arrested former Lt.-Gen. Ernst Haezel as an accomplice in the alleged murder, on Hitler's orders, of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the Nazi Afrika Corps Commander.

100 Years
Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

It may be an infirmity, but after seeing a good deal of colonial life for those little local distinctions which many people strive after—which the meanly vulgar prize. As conductor of a public journal we have long been of the opinion that the less we saw of the present heads of departments the better we have studiously avoided entertainments, and, except at public worship, neither meet nor wish to meet with any of them.

We wish no man ill; but we are satisfied that until changes are made, this colony will never have a fair chance—this government will never secure the confidence of the Chinese.

We are influenced in our political writing solely by a desire to see the settlement thrive; with its interests our own are closely identified. It is essential that the civil establishment be reduced to a scale commensurate with its resources; that the salaries of those who put on a footing with those paid by other small colonies, and that some useless appointments be done away with. The members of government are opposed to such changes, and they spare no effort to support their own selfish views. It has been our duty to trace their hidden and mysterious policy.

The barque "Red Rover," which left Macao on the 24th ultimo bound for Calcutta, arrived in Singapore on the 5th inst., having experienced a very heavy gale on the 26th by which she lost her quarter boat, sails and other gear. The cargo was severely damaged, and the ship was found to be in a very bad state of repair. The ship was found to be in a very bad state of repair.

The dossier of the former General, who denied the charge after his arrest in Land Schilburg, near Berchtesgaden, where Hitler had his mountain home, has been sent to the public prosecutor.

Rommel died on Oct. 14, 1944, while he was recuperating from wounds sustained on the Western Front when an American fighter plane shot up his car.

Hitler considered him implicated in the plot on his life on July 20, 1944, and apparently regarded him as too popular a figure to be safely left alive.

Hitler was said to have sent him a phial of poison, with instructions that if he died by his own hands, he would have a State funeral, and his family would be spared, but making it clear that he would be murdered if he did not comply.—Reuter.

GLOUCESTERS IN
MALTA

London, Nov. 9. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will fly from London to Malta on Sunday on an official visit to the George Cross island, where the Duke will open the Malta Legislature on Monday. After opening the legislature in the morning, they will make a motor car tour of the island. They will attend a State ball at Valletta Palace on Monday night.—Reuter.

TRADE PACT

Brussels, Nov. 9. A Belgian economic delegation under the presidency of L. Meens, Director of Economic Affairs at the Foreign Office, will leave shortly for Moscow to negotiate a commercial agreement with Soviet Russia. The delegates will represent the Ministries of Economic Affairs and Foreign Affairs. The delegation will also include a representative of the Belgian manufacturing groups.—United Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"It isn't the years I wasted in college that haunts me so much, Claude. It's the fact that I worked my way through!"

China's Assembly
Elections

By Walter Logan

Nanking, Nov. 8. China will hold the first national elections in her long history on Nov. 21 and 22 when 3,024 representatives to the National Assembly will be elected by an estimated 150,000,000 voters, of whom the election office said 70,000,000 already had registered.

The elections will be far different from those in the democratic countries of the West, for the Kuomintang—the national party—has virtually no opposition and will win a tremendous majority. But many observers see this as the beginning, perhaps, of a new era in China's history.

The 3,024 representatives will be charged with the task of electing the President of the Republic of China and enacting the new Chinese constitution, drawn up by China's appointed National Assembly last year. There is expected to be no opposition to the election of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as President, and no tampering with the constitution. Government statements proclaim

the coast of Asia, would settle for an internationalised Hong Kong, perhaps under the United Nations.

"But these," it continues, "are the arguments of intellectuals on one hand and traders on the other. They are not the arguments of the Colonists. To them Hong Kong is a gem in the British economy, a unique dispensation of law and order, and an island of stability in a troubled Orient, a citadel of tradition, a centre of sound trade—in short, a Crown Colony. Here British rule strengthens, if it cannot perpetuate the reign of the last merchant princes."—Associated Press.

The principal Chinese election district is the Hsien, roughly corresponding to a county in the United States. There are 1,977 hien in China. One delegate will be elected from each hien of less than half a million people in the hien. The remainder of the seats are allocated as follows: Municipalities, 56; Tibetan, Bonan, and League, 40; Mongols, 37; Vocational (doctors, teachers, lawyers etc.), 48; Women, 168; Overseas Chinese, 65; "People With Special Ways of Life," (Lolo tribesmen, Moslems etc.), 17.

Civil War

Roughly one-fourth of China's population will be prevented from voting by the civil war. There are about 400 hien in Communist hands. In cases where most of the population of a hien under Communist control has fled to Nationalist territory, "absentee" elections will be held, and a delegate elected to represent the district. Seats in the Assembly will be held open for the remainder of the hien under Communist control where no election is possible.

Voting by China's eight to ten million Overseas Chinese has been one of the biggest headaches in connection with the elections. Chinese never lose their citizenship unless they deliberately renounce it, regardless of where they reside, and the government's original plan was to have each Overseas community elect a delegate to represent in Nanking. Reactions from governments concerned were prompt and pointed. Siam, the Netherlands, East India, Hong Kong, the Philippines and the United States expressed varying degrees of "concern" over the unprecedented plan to hold elections on their territory.

The Chinese government backed down and the Foreign Office announced that elections in Overseas Communities where the sovereign power objected would be postponed. The percentage may be small, and the government may appoint representatives from overseas leaders.

The Assembly meets for the first time on Christmas Day. In addition to electing the President and Vice-President of China, it is empowered to amend the constitution, and to propose amendments proposed by the Legislative Yuan. It will adjourn almost immediately after electing the President and will reconvene to elect the President or by a two-fifths vote of the delegates. The Legislative Yuan carries on normal functions of the government.—United Press.

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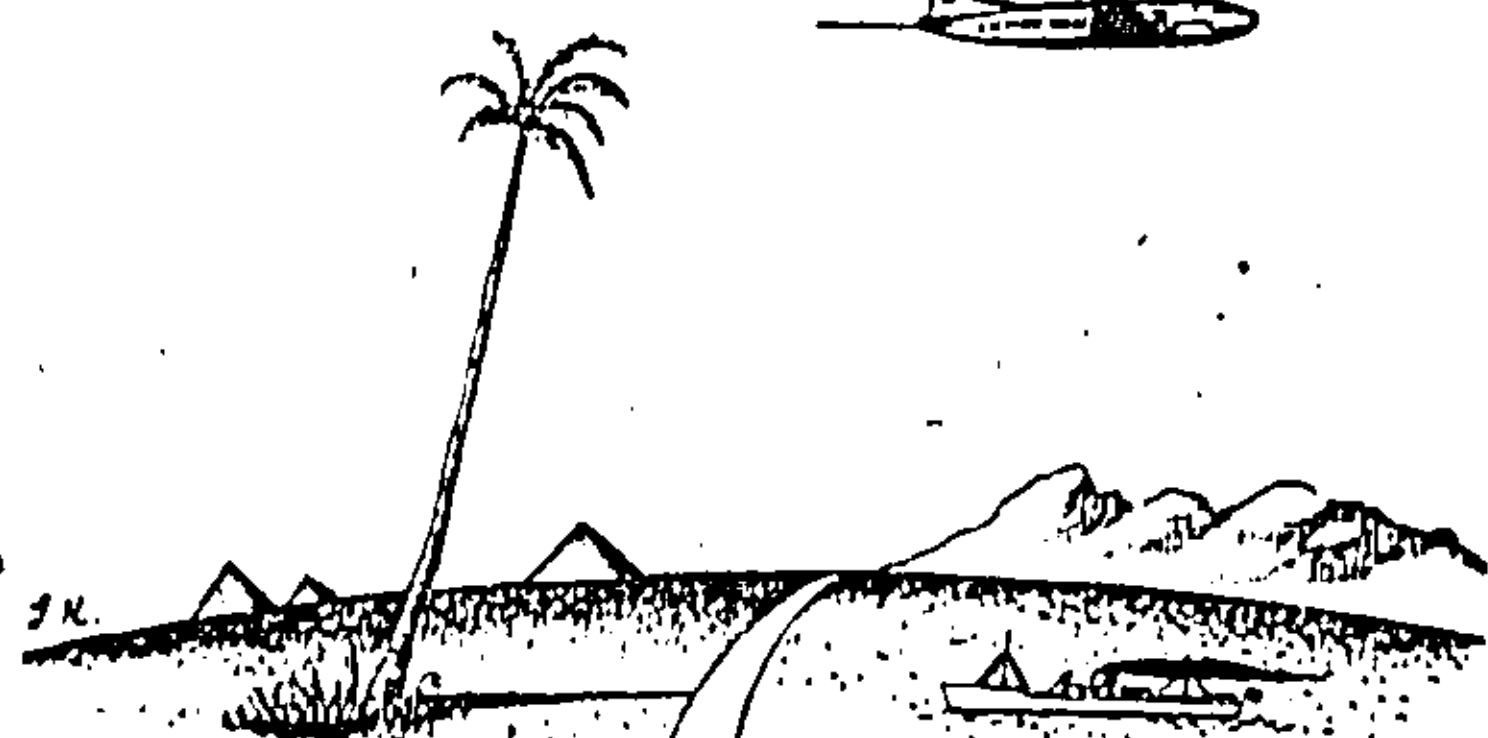
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Potatoes Go On The Ration

London, Nov. 8.
The Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, tonight announced that, from tomorrow, potatoes would be added to the list of rationed staple foods.

The standard ration will be three pounds per week. Poor crops, caused by last winter's floods and the summer drought, have produced a yield per acre in England of 6.43 tons instead of the estimated average of 7.1 tons, Mr. Strachey said.

Britain hopes to import 20,000 tons from South Africa, but prospects elsewhere are poor, the Minister added, because Europe is short and there is even a fall in North American production.

The British yield of potatoes for 1947 is estimated at 8,002,000 tons, as compared with 10,100,000 tons last year.

Under the ration scheme, children under five will get 1 1/2 pounds weekly, and young people between five and 18 will get slightly more bread.

Allowances at restaurants and hotels will be 3.3/7ths of an ounce per meal. But industrial canteens may serve 12 ounces of sugar for manufacturing purposes.

The domestic sugar ration remains untouched at eight ounces a week.—Reuter.

Stuttgart, Nov. 9.
The man who once declared that "National Socialism cannot succeed as long as Adolf Hitler remains alive" is directing the re-birth of the German "Black Front" by mail from Bridge-town, Nova Scotia.

Otto Strasser, once more powerful in the Party than Adolf Hitler, broke with Hitler in 1930 on the Party's economic policies and formed the "Black Front" which is composed mainly of "dissatisfied Liberal elements of the Nazi Party."

Once known as the "national revolutionaries," the Black Front revolutionaries are directed on the spot by Karl Schumacher, 25-year-old ex-school teacher now employed as chief of archives in the Wuertemberg-Baden Ministry of Justice here.

Schumacher explained that he and the other leaders receive weekly mimeographed instructions from Strasser and distribute them by "word of mouth." He refused to say whether the group holds mass meetings which are illegal under Military Government regulations unless the group is a licensed political party or has prior permission to meet.

Hitler forbade the "Black Front" after he became Chancellor in 1933 and Strasser was forced to flee. In a recent outline of the views of the revived Black Front, which are similar to the Nazi Party platform, Strasser stated "Today's foreign rule by dictatorships in the occupied zones is an unbearable situation."

In a campaign for "Germany's revival" Strasser argues that "We have to prevent invasion from the East. I am convinced that a third world war is inevitable... and the Anglo-Saxons will one day request us (Germany) to rearm."

Their application to the American Military Government for a licence as a political party was rejected in February but the group has continued to operate surreptitiously. They are now careful to refer to themselves as a "movement."

No Help
Strasser claims he has been refused permission to re-enter Germany because of "old political enemies who fear my return."

Despite his alleged casual relationship since 1940 with Ambassador Robert Murphy, American political advisor for Germany, State Department officials in Berlin said they felt Strasser would not be admitted to Germany because "he would be of no help to American objectives in Germany."—United Press.

From Behind The Iron Curtain

Munich, Nov. 9.
Two soldiers of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) last night appeared from "behind the iron curtain" to tell how their army had been fighting the Russians openly in the Ukraine.

The two are tall youthful Sergeant Toman Saha Daczyni and 22-year-old Zenon Semeniv who had been for four years with the UPA.

The pair, introduced at a Ukrainian press meeting here, said the "uniformed army led by General Taras Chuprynka" had numerous clashes with Soviet troops but "now avoids battles because we expect a European showdown and may need all our men and arms."

The two boys arrived in Bavaria last month and are among the few armed UPA soldiers who did not surrender to the United States Constabulary when they arrived in Bavaria after having travelled through Poland and Czechoslovakia. More than 1,000 others did surrender and are now reportedly being held at Degendorf.

The two soldiers said about 3,000 UPA men were ordered on a propaganda mission last spring "to make the UPA known to the world." One group went through Rumania into Yugoslavia and the other went north into Poland and then west into Slovakia.

Saha Daczyni said he was in the second group and had spent the summer, speaking to citizens in Czechoslovakia "where he had good support and was warned of danger and was not even allowed to pay for food."

He said he was in the 11-man reconnaissance unit to prepare the way and safeguard the main group "if we met any trouble."

However he said "we did not meet any trouble and finally lost contact with the main group. Then the Czech police were alerted and we could not go back. We got into Bavaria not knowing where the zonal borders were and found we were in the Russian zone. Then we sneaked west along the border until we got safely into Bavaria."

Asked why the Ukrainian press meeting happened to be called at this time, one of the Ukrainian editors said they thought "it was a good time" following the newly announced American policy of openly combating the Communist propaganda campaign.—United Press.

Budapest, Nov. 9.
Marshal Stalin has been made an honorary citizen of Budapest as part of Hungary's celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Soviet Revolution.—Reuter.

Retirement Of Governors

London, Nov. 9.
Governors in any part of the British Dominions, protectorates or mandated territories will be able to retire with full pension at 55 instead of 60 if the new Pensions Bill, the text of which was published here today, is approved by Parliament.

The Bill will not prevent any Governor from serving after the age of 55 "if it is in the public interest that he should do so."

It proposes to spend an additional amount a year in increases in pensions for Governors and to repeal the existing provisions for a reduction of the pension for Governors retiring prematurely when no other employment is available.—Reuter.

BURMA LOAN BID

Rangoon, Nov. 9.
Burma will seek a loan from the United States, sources close to the Government said today.

They said negotiations would be handled by Finance Minister Tin U Win who is leaving next week-end as Burma's representative to the Havana International Trade Conference.—Associated Press.

Evening Gowns For Princess Elizabeth

London, Nov. 9.
Silk embroidered evening gowns in Chinese Court style and a "Royal Lullaby" written by the Czech composer, Sverra, were among the latest wedding gifts to Princess Elizabeth reported in Reuter cables today.

The evening gowns presented by some leading Chinese designers will be brought to Britain packed in a carved camphor wood trunk by the British Parliamentary delegates who leave for home on Monday, a Reuter report stated.

The "Royal Lullaby," in a volume decorated with the Czech national colours, is the gift being sent by the people of Sibir, Bohemia.

India will include a selection of brocade and embroidery in Benares gold work among its gifts, the Times of India correspondent in Lucknow reported.—Reuter.

Argues His Way Back To Gaol

Nuernberg, Nov. 8.
After some pleading and a sharp demand, Fritz Ter Meer today established his right to return to his cell in the Nuernberg gaol in face of objections by a conscientious sentry.

Ter Meer, one of the 24 IGW officials now on trial before the International Tribunal here, was allowed out of the gaol to pick up some defence documents from Frankfurt. When he returned, the sentry firmly declined to allow him in—because he had no pass.

The accused showed his court documents, but the sentry was obdurate—because he had no pass.

Ter Meer pleaded to be allowed in "I am a long tired." Then he lost patience and said: "I demand to be returned to my cell. I want to sleep."

The sentry called for the duty officer—and the duty officer escorted the grateful, sleepy Ter Meer back to his cell.

"Sometimes it is easier to break out than it is to get in," the accused said.—Reuter.

Early Clash Over German Treaty

London, Nov. 9.
The big four Deputy Foreign Ministers bumped into new and old disagreements today over the German peace treaty as the Russians rejected a move to allow China to participate in the treaty drafting.

An observer reported "if anything, there was a setback" in the negotiations.

The deputies failed to reach an accord over just which countries should be given a voice in the treaty making, just as the diplomatic chiefs, themselves did. It was the second spate of session of the deputies, preliminary to the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France here on Nov. 25.

China Opposed
Backed by the United States, Britain sought inclusion of the new Dominion of Pakistan among countries to be represented at the peace table. Britain and French delegates declined to take a stand on the issue at this time.

Russia wants the conference limited to 18 nations plus the big four. The United States is urging inclusion of all 55 nations who declared war on Germany.

Soviet delegate Andrei Smirnov backed a proposal by Britain France and the United States that China, along with the big four, be one of the "convening nations." Smirnov based his position on the argument that China was not a signatory to Germany's surrender.

No Budging
Smirnov refused to budge from the Russian position that German view on the treaty would be accepted only when "Central Government is formed which is deemed adequate for accepting a peace treaty."

Robert Murphy, United States political representative in Germany and deputy for these sessions, said the American position was that "responsible representatives" of Germany should be given an opportunity to present their views.

No agreement was reached on the controversy, chiefly involving Russia and the United States, over American objections to admitting Albania to the conference.—Associated Press.

Mass Hungarian Desertion

Vienna, Nov. 8.
A fully armed Hungarian Army company of 85 men and one officer, who fled from Hungary into the Russian-occupied zone of Austria today, may be turned over to the British occupation authorities in Styria.

This source said, that the Russian occupation authorities in Burgenland, at the point where the men crossed the frontier, had insufficient troops on hand to deal with them.

It was said that the men had fled from Hungary because they had been warned that they would soon have to leave for Russia—either for military training there or for recruitment in the labour forces.

The company had arrived over the frontier fully armed and it was reported that the Austrian authorities themselves made no attempt to disarm them but asked the British authorities in Austrian Styria whether they would be willing to allow the Hungarians to enter. No reply up to the present had been received from the British authorities.

First reports suggested that the men had entered the British Zone but it was later confirmed that the men had crossed the border into Burgenland.—Reuter.

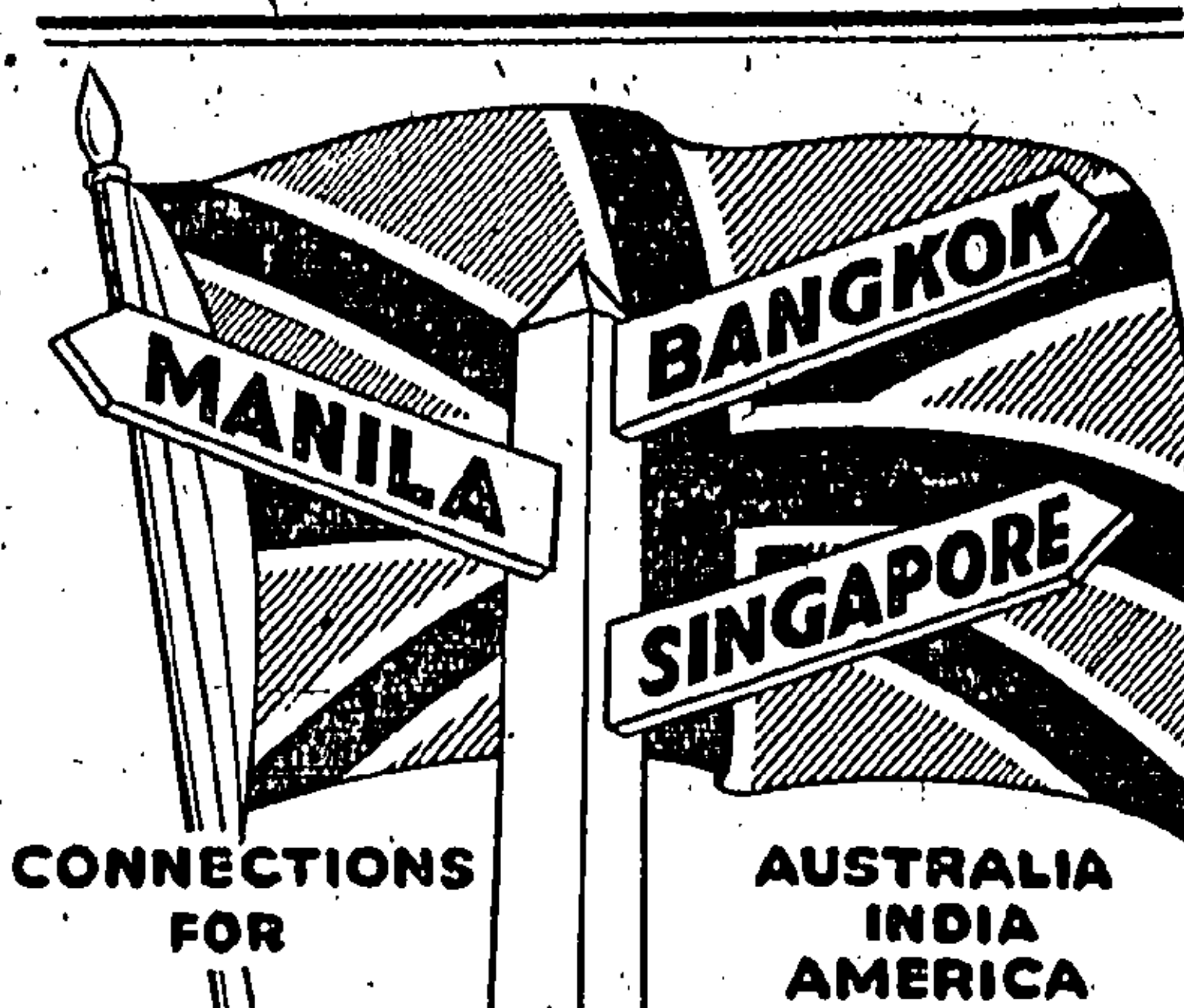
Labour's Defeat In Australia

Sydney, Nov. 9.
The Australian Broadcasting Commission announced tonight "it is definite" that the Labour Government of Premier John Cain was defeated in Victoria's state elections today.

The Federal Labour Government's plan to nationalise banking, now in second reading at Canberra, constituted the main issue.

Early returns indicated a sharp swing away from Labour. When the Broadcasting Commission made its announcement, three hours after the polls closed, it appeared the Liberal Party would gain nine seats and the Country Party, also in opposition to Labour, three seats in the State Legislative Council. Loss of only two seats would mean the Government's defeat.

Four Labour Ministers may lose their seats. Thomas Hollway, leader of Victoria's Rural Party, which seemed likely to be called upon to form a new Government, possibly with 22 to 20 of the Legislative Council. It appeared that Cain himself would retain his seat in the State Council.—Associated Press.



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THE HARRIMAN ESTIMATE AND EUROPE'S NEEDS

London, Nov. 8.

The Harriman estimate of what the United States can spare, appears on the surface to fall far short of the Paris estimate of the minimum that Europe needs.

The Paris committee put Western Europe's deficit with the American Continent at \$7,120,000,000 in 1948 and \$19,310,000,000 in four years, 1948 to 1951.

The Harriman Committee proposes \$5,760,000,000 in 1948 (range between \$5,500,000,000 and \$6,200,000,000) and \$12,000,000,000 to \$16,000,000,000 in four years.

The other Harriman proposals make the gap still wider. It reduces Western Europe's export target to the Western Hemisphere by \$1,700,000,000. It recommends the cutting of Europe's, particularly Britain's, shipbuilding programmes. It rejects as "unreal" the Paris assumption that the United States prices will fall. Perhaps the worst of all it rejects as "unwarranted" the Paris proposal that the United States should provide an additional \$4,000,000,000 for European currency stabilisation.

This huge scaling-down will naturally cause consternation in Europe, pending the full study of the report; however, it appears that the gap between Paris and the Harriman Committee is partly the difference in scope rather than in direct estimates.

Taking all the factors together, the gap between Paris

and the Harriman estimates could hardly be put at less than \$10,000,000,000 in four years and might be much wider.

Differences in Scope

Now consider the differences in scope. The Harriman figures are essentially for Western Europe's deficit with the United States alone, whereas the main Paris figures referred to the whole American Continent. With the United States alone, the Paris Committee estimates the deficit of \$5,640,000,000 in 1948 and \$15,810,000,000 in four years plus the minor deficit of dependent territories with the United States.

The Harriman figures of \$5,760,000,000 for 1948 and \$12,000,000,000 to \$16,000,000,000 in four years are thus not so widely at variance with the figures.

The Harriman report leaves in the air a question of Europe's deficit with the rest of the American Continent, (Canada and Latin America). The Paris Committee estimates this at \$1,940,000,000 in 1948 and \$5,970,000,000 in four years.

Obvious Realism

The proposal that the \$3,500,000,000 of 1948 aid should

be in grants rather than loans since there is little chance of Europe being able to repay it is obvious realism. Europe's ability ever to repay the other \$2,260,000,000 would of course depend not only on the revival of European exports but also on the United States attitude to imports, particularly those affected by the outcome of the Geneva conference.

It will further be recognised that the extent of the aid proposed by the Harriman report will represent a great effort by the United States, and some parts of it were wholeheartedly welcomed.

Particular satisfaction was expressed at the recommendation that United States aid should not be dependent on the dropping of Socialist policies in recipient countries. This should remove the charge brought against the United States policy, by a spokesman in Eastern Europe, that the aid for reconstruction should be given only with "strings attached."

The Harriman \$16,000,000,000 over four years is at present prices. Lower prices could bring it down to a lower figure of \$12,000,000,000, whereas the Paris figure of \$19,310,000,000 had already been scaled down on the assumption that the prices would fall.

Somewhat surprising is the extent of counter-concessions that the United States has requested in the matter of her taking over Britain's burden in Western Germany. It is hoped that this admittedly tough bargaining will not go to the length of demanding political

concessions in return for strictly economic relief.

Present Prices

The Harriman Committee puts the other contributions to the European reconstruction at a rather higher figure than did the Paris conference. The latter contemplated \$920,000,000 in 1948, and \$4,180,000,000 in four years from the International Bank and private sources, whereas the Harriman report suggests \$1,260,000,000 in 1948 and between \$4,000 and \$5,000 million in four years.

The emphasis of the Harriman report on the need for anti-inflationary policies and monetary stabilisation in Europe was fully expected. Except for the wishful thinking, it was never supposed that the United States could or would enlarge its aid to the extent that relieves the European countries of the need for tackling these two problems. The Harriman report implicitly confirms that resolute European action on these matters will be the condition of receiving external aid.

Meanwhile in Washington President Truman commenting on the report published today of the 19-man Harriman Committee which has drawn up recommendations for action on the Marshall Plan, declared the report should be of great help in formulating a programme of sound assistance to Western Europe.

"The members of the committee have fulfilled their task without partisanship and with no other purpose than to further the best interests of their country, and to aid in securing the peace and well-being of the world," the President said.

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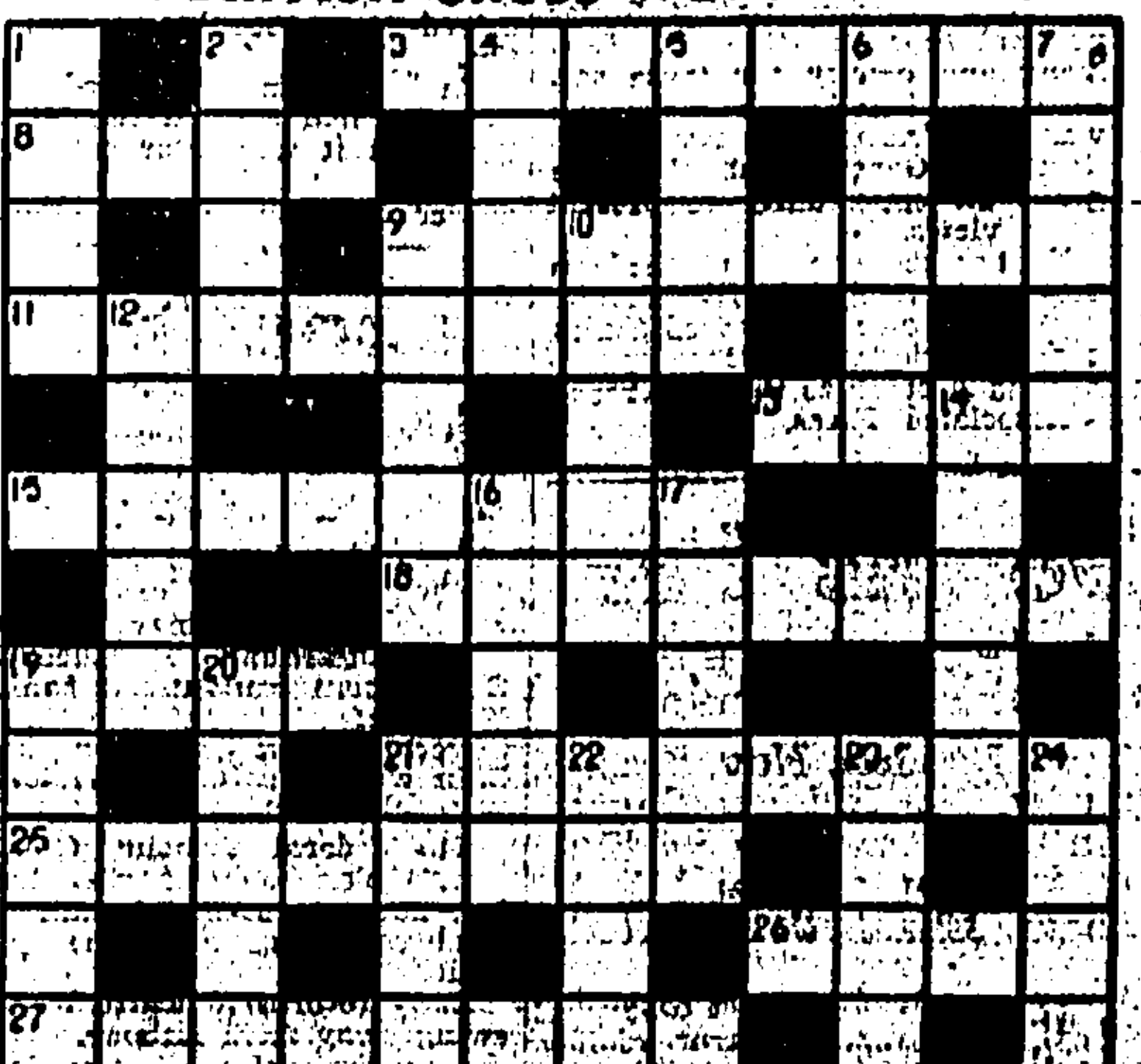
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